

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 52, 53, 54, and 55 have been amended. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-55 will be still pending in this application. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-55 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,477,150 issued to Maggenti et al (Maggenti) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,360,108 issued to Rogers. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that Rogers discloses "comparing the number corresponding to the first state with the number corresponding to the second state." There is no mention of the first state and the corresponding number in Rogers, because there is no mention of transferring between an already established first state and a new second state.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that Rogers discloses "appending the prefix portion of the number corresponding to the first state with the suffix portion of the number corresponding to the second state." There is no mention of the prefix portion of the number corresponding to the first state and the suffix portion of the number corresponding to the second state in Rogers. On the contrary, Rogers discloses the "processor automatically pre-pends a first sequential one of the plurality of prefixes to the user-entered destination telephone number," (Col. 2, lines 4-7). In sharp contrast to the claimed limitations, the prefixes referred to in Rogers are pre-stored in a prefix memory (See Col. 4, lines 14-15), rather than being taken from the first number corresponding to the already established first state.

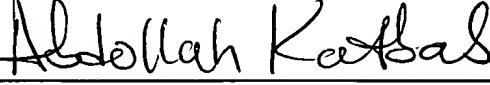
Therefore, since Rogers does not disclose at least the above limitations, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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